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The Honorable Kay Granger, Chair
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
H-308 The Capitol
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting \$7,082,856 in funding for the Mackay Dam Rehabilitation project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Idaho Office of Emergency Management located at 4040 Guard St. Building 600 Boise, ID 86705.

The funding would be used to rehabilitate the nearly 100-year-old Mackay Dam by improving the tower, removing and replacing the spillway, relining the outlet tunnel, and moving control works downstream to prevent the dam from overtopping. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because a recent risk assessment found the dam to be in critical condition and the likelihood of dam failure during a flooding event extremely high, threatening towns throughout Custer and Butte Counties, as well as the Idaho National Laboratory (INL) facility. The Mackay dam not only protects downriver communities, but it also provides water to a largely agricultural economy. A possible dam failure and subsequent flooding would devastate the area and cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars in repairs and rehabilitation costs, as well as lost income from agriculture and tourism. This project has broad local support.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



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Mike Simpson
Member of Congress